

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-22 (Cancelled).

23 (Currently amended). A method for the treatment ~~or prevention of an inflammatory or hyperproliferative mucocutaneous disorder of ichthyosis~~, wherein said method comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising a ~~protease inhibitor an~~ alpha-1-antitrypsin and a gelling agent.

24 (Cancelled).

25 (Previously presented). The method according to claim 23, wherein the composition further comprises a physiological buffer at a pH from about 6 to about 9.

26 (Previously presented). The method according to claim 25, wherein the buffer has a pH of from about 6.5 to about 7.5.

27 (Previously presented). The method according to claim 23, wherein the gelling agent is hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, polyacrylic acid, polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene block copolymer, or a combination thereof.

28 (Currently amended). The method according to claim ~~[[24]]~~ 23, wherein the alpha-1 antitrypsin is a natural, synthetic or recombinant alpha 1-antitrypsin.

29-32 (Cancelled).

33 (Previously presented). The method according to claim 23, wherein the subject is a mammal.